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On Saturday, September 13, 2003, the State Legislature passed Senate Bill Number 2. The bill, authored by Senate President Pro Tem John Burton, would require employers to provide health care coverage for eligible employees and dependents—including prescription drug coverage. Employers could opt to pay a fee to the State to provide coverage and require employees to pay up to 20 percent of the cost of coverage. In Los Angeles County, we are well aware of the cost burden on local government to provide health care services to the uninsured. SB 2 would bring significant financial relief to the County by expanding health care coverage to the working poor. The bill has been sent to the Governor's desk for signature. The Board of Supervisors should continue its support of SB 2, consistent with the Chief Administrative Officer's FY 2003-04 State Legislative Agenda.

I, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors send a letter to Governor Gray Davis, urging his signature of SB 2 and;

I FURTHER MOVE that the Chief Administrative Officer and the Department of Health Services report back in 60 days on the potential impact of SB 2 on reducing the numbers of uninsured in Los Angeles County.

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